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COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM, AND DATA COLLECTION AND
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**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT AND
REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.105**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2007, please consider the following:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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